

the exploitation of labourers during the last five years alongwith the number of labourers killed; and

(d) the number of cases in which action has been taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Office of Protector of Emigrants at Shimla

2120. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested by State Government of Himachal Pradesh to open New Office of Protector of Emigrants at Shimla;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to consider the pending requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Keeping in view the reduced outflow of workers to other countries for work because of various reasons as also the fact that very few emigrants go abroad for contractual employment from the State of Himachal Pradesh, it is not considered feasible for the present to open an office of Protector of Emigrants in Shimla.

Cruelty on Domestic Child Labour

2121. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News-item in the "News Time" dated 18th June, 2000 captioned "Protest against cruelty on bonded children"